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SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF BRITISH EMBASSY IN TANANARIVE

1. LAST OFFICIAL ACT OF BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE WHO DEPARTED PERMANENTLY JULY 12 WAS TO INFORM MALAGASY GOVERNMENT JULY 11 OF BRITISH DECISION TO CLOSE THEIR EMBASSY IN TANANARIVE AS ECONOMY MEASURE. BRITISH NOTE SUGGESTED HMG MIGHT BE PREPARED TO ACCREDIT ANOTHER AMBASSADOR FROM NEARBY POST IF GOMR AGREES.
 2. BRITISH CHARGE SAID DECISION WAS IN FACT BASED ON ECONOMICS. HE ASKED US TO HOLD CLOSE HOWEVER, SINCE HE FELT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT WOULD WANT TO HOLD OFF ON PUBLIC DISCLOSURE GIVEN PRESENT GOMR MOVES VIS-A-VIS U.S. AND NASA STATION, AND POSSIBLE SUSPICIONS OF MALAGASY OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC THAT BRITISH CLOSURE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.
 3. BRITISH CHARGE ADMITTED THAT BRITISH INTERESTS IN MADAGASCAR MINIMAL AND ECONOMY MOVE JUSTIFIED. HE ADDED THAT U.S. INTERESTS APPEAR TO BE DECLINING.
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